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Economic Development & Trade.

1            AN ACT Relating to qualified small business incubators; and  
2 amending RCW 43.176.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 43.176.020 and 2004 c 237 s 2 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6            The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
7 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

8            (1) "Business incubator" means a facility that offers:

9            (a) Space for start-up and expanding firms;

10            (b) The shared use of equipment and work areas;

11            (c) Daily management support services essential to high-quality  
12 commercial operations; and

13            (d) Technical assistance.

14            (2) "Entrepreneurial support program" means a program offering, on  
15 an ongoing basis, start-up or emerging businesses business-related  
16 training and services as well as technical assistance, including  
17 operational development, business development, and financing.

18            (3) "Emerging business" means a business: (a) That is engaged in  
19 activities related to the development of initial project or service

1 offerings, such as prototype development or establishment of initial  
2 production or services processes; or (b) that is less than three years  
3 old and during the previous fiscal year had gross revenues of no more  
4 than two million dollars.

5 (4) "Qualified small business incubator" means ((~~an~~)) a small  
6 business incubator or entrepreneurial support program that is:

7 (a)(i) Designated as a nonprofit organization under section  
8 501(c)(3) or (6) of the internal revenue code, or (ii) consists of a  
9 partnership between a designated nonprofit organization under section  
10 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code and a government or quasi-  
11 government agency; and

12 ~~(b) ((Focused on developing small businesses in an economically~~  
13 ~~distressed or disadvantaged area; and~~

14 ~~(e))~~ Structured around a sound business plan.

15 (5) "Start-up business" means a formal business venture that: (a)  
16 Is involved in activities related to the development of initial product  
17 or service offerings, such as prototype development or establishment of  
18 initial production or service processes; (b) during the preceding  
19 fiscal year had gross revenues of no more than two million dollars; (c)  
20 is less than three years old; and (d) has fewer than twenty employees.

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